

3.0 Planning and Implementation

3.1 Goal

The primary goal of the Lincoln County FMP is to reduce the risk of fire through public education and prevention, infrastructure improvement, and fuel reduction. This will be accomplished through a coordinated effort of numerous city and county emergency service organizations, private landowners and state and federal agencies.

Scope of Work defines the tasks and timelines as follows: Public Outreach (ongoing throughout the planning process) with a completion date of 4/1/04. Hazard and Mitigation Assessment completed by 5/1/04. Draft Lincoln County Fire Mitigation Plan in review by 6/30/04. Final Lincoln County Fire Mitigation Plan completed, and the Final Package for Lincoln County approved 9/30/04.

3.2 Outline of accomplishments to date include:

1. Identified and mapped (April – June)
 - a. Land ownership patterns
 - b. Existing fuel loads
 - c. Historical fire perimeters
 - d. Slope risk as related to wildfire
 - e. Three Fire protection Districts
 - f. Areas outside of FPD's
2. Assessment of Fire hazards and Community needs (June – July)
 - a. Assessed all subdivisions/parcels within the county
 - b. Assessed all roads of the county
 - c. Completed fire hazard and structural hazard assessment for each community and subdivision
3. Interview of emergency response officials (Date)
 - a. Dietrich FPD Chief & Commissioners (May)
 - b. Richfield FPD Chief & Commissioners (May)
 - c. Shoshone FPD Chief & Commissioners (June)
 - d. Highway Districts: Shoshone, Richfield, (May)
Dietrich, Kimama (June)
 - e. Lincoln County Disaster Services (June)
 - f. Quick Response Units: Richfield, Dietrich (May)
 - g. Lincoln County Ambulance Service (June)
 - h. Lincoln County Sheriff's Department (June)
 - i. Lincoln County Search & Rescue (June)

4. Documentation (Date)
 - a. Contract Activity Report for February – March
 - b. Contract Activity Report for April – May
 - c. Summary of Lincoln County Fire Chief’s Meeting (4/1/04) attendance sheet attached. (Appendix A)
 - d. Summary of Lincoln County Emergency Response Agencies meeting (4/21/04) attendance sheet attached. (Appendix A)
 - e. Summary of comments received, by department, by priority
 - f. Assessment needs of major open areas
 - g. First open house meeting to review the draft mitigation plan. (August 7, 2004)**
 - h. Summary of Lincoln County Commissioners' review of final Lincoln County Fire Mitigation Plan. (September 7, 2004)
 - i. News releases: Lincoln County Fire Mitigation Plan. (January 16, 2004); Open house review of draft Lincoln County Fire Mitigation Plan
5. Draft Lincoln County Wildfire Mitigation Plan (Submitted for review 7/8/04)
6. Open House – Public Review of Final Mitigation Plan (August 5, 2004)
7. September 7th. Final review of Lincoln County Fire Mitigation Plan by Lincoln County Commissioners

3.3 Implementation and Review

Implementation of the Lincoln County Fire Mitigation Plan should begin immediately. Implementation should include community meetings to promote Public Outreach and Firewise Programs. Ideally community programs should be linked to “spring cleanup days” in each community to strengthen and enhance homeowners desire to cleanup around their homes and property, thereby cleaning up each city itself.

The implementation schedule should be developed, maintained, and agreed upon by all signatories to the plan. Specific objectives should be developed to ensure proper mitigation of the many needs, issues and concerns identified. The Mitigation Plan should be reviewed annually, and updated every five (5) years to remain in compliance with FEMA and NFMA maintenance requirements, and to keep abreast of the continued growth Lincoln County is presently experiencing.